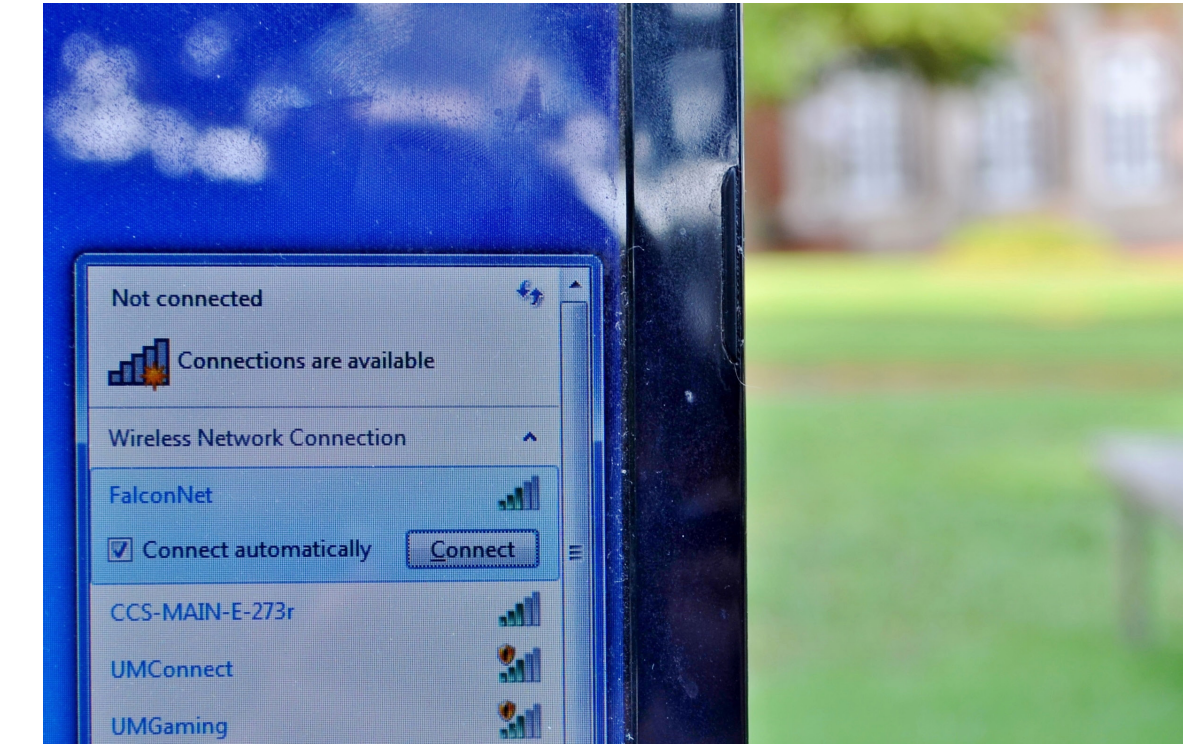




FalconNet takes first flight

By: REED STRENGTH, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Last April, a group of students protested the poor quality of the University of Montevallo’s campus Wi-Fi. Signs criticizing connectivity and improvement efforts were visible outside of the Caf and strewn about the Flower Hill lawn. Newly hired Chief Information Officer (CIO) Craig Gray says the protest invigorated him. “I would get totally bored if there were no problems to solve,” Gray said. Initially, he says UM Purchasing Manager Wade Walker approached him about hiring another third party internet provider. According to Gray, outsourced companies have handled UM internet for the past 15 years. The new CIO instead asked for the university to consider investing in its own internet infrastructure. The university agreed and a five step plan was implemented over the summer. Gray says it involved not only upgrading the wireless access points and increasing internet bandwidth by 400 percent, but also installing new security and management measures. The wireless access routers now visible in all of the residence halls are operated by Ruckus, a provider Gray says is state of the art and normally reserved for stadiums. As of now, FalconNet is fully operational. The new network can only be accessed with a forUM username and password, a security measure Gray says was lacking in the old model. However, student internet scrutiny soon returned during move-in weekend. Despite the distribution of connection instructions on both email and paper, several expressed



FalconNet is the new internet network for the Residence Halls on campus. It features a login that requires a forUM username and password.

frustration over the longer login process and required security measures. Those with Mac computers are currently unable to connect to FalconNet through the initial instructions. A “workaround” .pdf has slowly been distributed and details as a temporary fix for this problem. Additionally, game consoles and a number of streaming devices were unable to connect to FalconNet because of the new internet’s high speeds. Gray and his team created a specific SSID called “UM Gaming” that uses a devices’ media access control (MAC) address to connect. Media streaming is another

hurdle the new CIO is wary of. He also calls video streaming services like Netflix “the bane of every CIO’s existence” because of how much bandwidth its consumes. Gray says a cap will be placed on how much bandwidth streaming sites will be allowed to use. Certain media streaming devices like AppleTV will also be banned from accessing the network because of their bandwidth appetite. In addition to changes in Wi-Fi, a new app is also available for students to download. The Montevallo portal of Ellucian GO allows for quick access to course info, athletic schedules, even campus walking directions from building to building. Gray says in a year, students

will have the ability to register for classes directly from the app. Gray says students will have access to FalconNet around popular outdoor hangout spots like Main Quad and the Farmer patio. Students experiencing University technology problems can call 205-665-6152 for assistance. Gray also encourages students to email him directly if they experience any “philosophical” issues with the technology. “There’s a lot of things we can decide without them, but I think at the end of the day, we would be making a mistake if we didn’t include students in our discussions. It’s what we do here,” said Gray.

Welcome all students!

At the Alabamian we strive to keep UM informed throughout the school year. With that in mind, we hope that this campus map will help our new Falcons navigate through all the cobbled streets of our small campus. Make it to every class in time and have a great semester.



Guest columns

SGA President Jacob Gordon

On behalf of the Student Government Association, I would like to welcome you to the University of Montevallo family! Freshman year is a very important time in a college career. You will find your unique place in the University community, make lifelong friendships, select a major (or change your major), and create the foundation for your future life after college.

The University of Montevallo is such an amazing place because of the student body, so thank you in advance for all the amazing contributions you will make to our community throughout the year. As you embark upon your college journey, be sure to get become involved. Our campus is home to over 90 student organizations, so there is a place for everyone. If you cannot find a specific organization to your liking, creating one is a very easy process. One would just contact student life in order to begin forming a new organization.

If you are ever in need of anything, please feel free to contact any SGA representative. Our



Courtesy of Jacob Gordon

offices are located on the second floor of Farmer Hall. We will be hosting a monthly town hall meeting, with the first being on September 10 at 7 p.m. downstairs in Farmer. These meetings will serve as a way for the student body to remain informed about happenings around campus as well as ask SGA questions.

Hope you all have a fantastic year! If you have any questions please stop by or email me at sgapres@montevallo.edu. Go Falcons!

Police Chief Chadd Adams

The University of Montevallo Police Department (UMPD) would like to extend a warm welcome to all our students as they arrive on the University of Montevallo campus. We are very excited about the school year and are continually striving to provide a safe and secure campus for all our students, faculty and staff.

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Have a wonderful school year!

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Letter from the editor

Hello, greetings and “caw-caw” Montevallo,

What you’re reading is the fourth attempt at crafting a meaningful and letter of welcome. I’m struggling mostly because I feel a looming sense of guilt for writing it in the first place. Most upperclassmen have an annoying tendency to dump every ounce of insight and advice we have about UM on the incoming freshman class.

It’s not like we’re encouraged or assigned to do it. To us, its the relevant, veteran approved pointers we’re convinced are essential to a successful career here. To you guys, it probably sounds like a jumbled mess of differing opinions you’re tired of pretending to seem interested in.

Many of you are most likely coming fresh off a jam packed Take Flight Weekend. If you’re feeling similar to how I felt three years ago, you’re probably overwhelmed and more than a little shell shocked.

It’s understandable. This campus has a tendency to introduce itself all it once. It’s

like experiencing a massive handshake you feel in your palms hours later.

Montevallo is an eccentric place made up of a progressive culture draped in small town quirk. Those two things make it nearly impossible to for one to become anonymous.

Arguably the best thing about that detail is how much of an impact you can have on the university and the community. It’s not a question of how one can get involved on campus, as much as measuring HOW involved you want to get.

With that said, the best golden (or purple, your preference) nugget I can up with is to get involved. Whether that means helping the environment or watching anime with your buds, please take advantage of the clubs and organizations on this campus.

It’s hard to think of another time where our wildest fandoms or passions will be welcomed and



Katie Compton/The Alabamian

encouraged with such enthusiasm.

Along the way, consider sending news of yours or others exploits over to the Alabamian. Any paper, student or professional, must rely on the shared information of its community in order to stay relevant and alive.

Best of luck,

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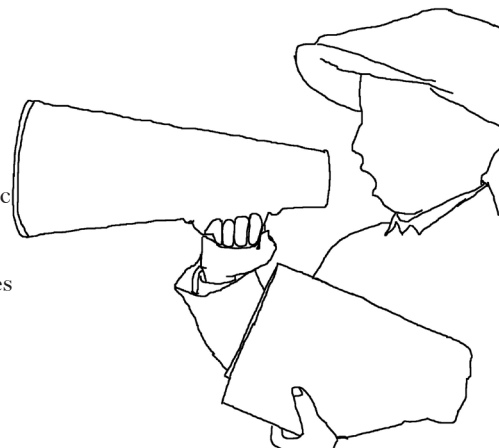
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Calendar of Events

Tuesday, August 25

6:00 p.m. Bingo for Books
Farmer Hall Meeting Room

7:00 p.m. Sorority Game Night
Anna Irving Dining Hall

Wednesday, August 26

6:00 p.m. Sorority Recruitment Meeting
Comer Auditorium

Thursday, August 27

4:30 p.m. Greek Life Cookout
Main Quad

7:00 p.m. WhoDunit?
BCM

Friday, August 28

3:00 p.m. Sorority Recruitment
Comer Auditorium

8:00 p.m. Movie Night
BCM

10:00 p.m. Alpha Party
Student Retreat

Saturday, August 29

10:00 a.m. Sorority Recruitment
Comer Auditorium

4:00 p.m. Progressive Dinner
BCM

8:00 p.m. UPC Ice Cream Sandwich Social
Farmer Hall Student Life Center

Sunday, August 30

8:00 a.m. Sorority Recruitment
Comer Auditorium

6:30 p.m. Sorority Bid Day
Main Quad

7:00 p.m. Alpha Awareness Seminar
Comer Commons (202)

Monday, August 31

5:00 p.m. Alabamian Interest Meeting
Student Publications Office

6:00 p.m. Fraternity Orientation
Farmer Hall Meeting Room

Tuesday, September 1

5:00 p.m. Intramural Meeting
Farmer Hall Meeting Room

6:00 p.m. Fraternity Open House
Farmer Hall Meeting Room

Wednesday, September 2

3:30 p.m. Best Buddies Interest Meeting
Comer Auditorium

6:00 p.m. Fraternity Smokers
Farmer Hall Meeting Room

7:00 p.m. Zeta Phi Beta Fall 2015 Meet & Greeting
Farmer Hall Meeting Room

Thursday, September 3

5:00 p.m. Video Scavenger Hunt
BCM

6:00 p.m. Cokes n' Strokes
Napier Basement

6:00 p.m. Montevallo Young Democrats Meeting
Farmer Hall Meeting Room

Friday, September 4

3:00 p.m. Alabamian Journalism Boot Camp
Multi Purpose Room- New Res

5:00 p.m. Fraternity Bid Day Signing
Palmer Auditorium

Saturday, September 5

4:00 p.m. Best Buddies Montevallo Aaron's Staff Respite
Bibb Graves Gym

Sunday, September 6

1:00 p.m. Women's Soccer vs. Lincoln Memorial
Varsity Field

3:30 p.m. Men's Soccer vs Lincoln Memorial
Varsity Field

Monday, September 7

Labor Day- NO CLASS

Tuesday, September 8

5:00 p.m. Flag Football Coaches' Meeting
Farmer Hall Meeting Room

5:00 p.m. NPHC Pool Party
Student Activity Center

6:00 p.m. SGA Senior Class Meeting
Farmer Hall Meeting Room

Wednesday, September 9

3:30 p.m. Best Buddies Montevallo Chapter Meeting
Farmer Hall Meeting Room

7:00 p.m. UPC/NPHC Game Show
Farmer Hall Student Life Center

Thursday, September 10

6:00 p.m. NPHC 101
Comer Auditorium

6:30 p.m. University of Montevallo Cosplay Association
Comer 308

7:00 p.m. Game Night
BCM

Ongoing

Tuesdays

8:00 p.m. Resonate Worship Service
Baptist Campus Ministry

Wednesdays

11:00 a.m. Cafe Escape
Baptist Campus Ministry

7:30 p.m. Chess Club Meeting
Hill House Classroom

8:00 p.m. Whovian Society Meeting
Comer 205

Monday, August 31- Thursday, September 3

Alpha Kappa Lambda: These Hands Don't Hurt
Outside of Caff

Summer news roundup

By: JASMYNE RAY,
MANAGING EDITOR OF
CONTENT

Summer 2015 was chock full of news, good and bad.

To begin, the Supreme Court reached a majority vote in favor of same-sex marriage on June 26. That evening, the White House lit up in rainbow colors and Facebook gave users the option use a rainbow filter on their profile pictures to show their support.

Earlier that month, the nation was rocked by the shocking shooting of nine people at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina. The shooter, 21 year-old Dylann Roof, was found the next day and confessed to the crime, saying he hoped the shooting would start a “race war.”

Pictures of Roof with the Confederate flag sparked debates about the flag’s history and meaning. For some it serves as a symbol of southern pride, but for others it’s a reminder of southern racism and prejudice. On July 6, the South Carolina Senate voted to remove the flag from its pole outside of the state house. Prior to the state senate’s decision Walmart, Amazon, Sears and eBay all announced they would no longer sell products featuring the Confederate flag.

The arrest and questionable suicide of 28 year-old Sandra Bland in Hempstead, Texas made headlines as well. On July 10, Bland was pulled over by state trooper Brian Encinia for a minor traffic violation and a dashcam video showed a scuffle between the two over Bland smoking a cigarette in her car. Bland was arrested



Jeff Siner/ MCT.com

and after three days in jail, police state that they found her dead in her cell. Bland’s death provoked protests and investigations into racially motivated policy violations by the police in Waller County.

What began as a day of reflection turned into an almost spot on reenactment. Tyrone Harris Jr., 18, was shot and critically injured after supposedly firing shots at police during a peaceful protest. The protest was held in remembrance of Mike Brown, the 18 year-old black teenager who was killed by a white police officer a year ago that day. All of St. Louis county was put under a state of emergency as police attempted to gain control of riots in response to Harris being shot.

A constant headline throughout the summer was the 2016 election and its hopeful candidates. Currently, there are 17 Republican and five Democratic candidates running. While the impending election overall has received a great deal of media attention, the same can’t be said for the individual candidates. Donald Trump has received the majority of coverage for the Republican party.

Hillary Clinton has been getting the most attention for the Democratic party, but not for her campaign. In her four years as secretary of state, Clinton never used her government email address, but rather one from her personal server. Once investigators saw that there was no email correspondence coming to or from the government address, they asked that she turn her emails over to investigators. Over 30,000 emails were handed over, but Clinton and her staff destroyed over 31,000 “personal” emails.

Affordable college education, women’s rights and racial justice are just three of Senator Bernie Sanders’ platforms that have millennials rallying together to support him. Despite his universal appeal, Sanders only has a 17 percent approval rating, while Clinton has 57 percent according to a democratic primary field poll by CNN.

What summer news stories did you keep up with? What developments would you like to see the Alabamian cover? Send us your thoughts by contacting the Alabamian Facebook page or emailing us at @Alabamian@montevallo.edu.

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UM freshmen move in day 2015



On Friday, Aug. 21, the majority of the 2015 Freshman class made new homes in the UM's nine residence halls. Armies of blue shirted volunteers dutifully lined up at cars to help transport needed belongings into several rooms. In addition, Resident Assistants spent that day and the rest of the weekend checking in their new residents for the year. Alabamian Photo Editor Katie Compton snapped several of these moving moments across campus. Check out the Alabamian Facebook page for even more shots of Move In Day 2015!

- 1. Tyler Warlick takes a moment to give Mom a hug.
- 2. Volunteers begin unloading boxes from the bed of a truck.
- 3. A man hoists a heavy box into Brooke Hall
- 4. A new resident and her parents arrange furniture in her Brooke Hall room.
- 5. A volunteer carries a bundle of hanging clothes for a new Falcon.
- 6. Toilet paper is a must have in many UM Residence Halls.
- 7. An army of blue shirted volunteers help new students unpack.
- 8. Peyton Lange gives a smile as she unpacks her car.

